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FUTURE OF U. S. D. IS FULL OF HOPE

OCEANSIDE, Calif. -- Dividends from the past investment of faith and finance in the University of San Diego will come in greater measure as the years pass, according to the University's senior development official.

Michael Newman, U. S. D. director of development and public relations, told the delegates to the annual congress here of Young Ladies Institutes of San Diego County yesterday (Sunday Feb. 9): "It has taken 20 years of dedicated effort and faith and a lot of money to establish the beautiful Alcala Park campus. The College for Men has grown by the continued generosity of the Catholics of the San Diego diocese. The College for Women, built and administered by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, has never been a charge on the diocese, however."

The Y. L. I. Congress met at the Elks Club in Oceanside. It began with a Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, Bishop of San Diego, at St. Patrick's Church, Carlsbad.

"As we start the second semester of the new program of coordinated coeducation between the two undergraduate colleges, the fruits of the reinvigorated program can be seen," said Newman. "We have had a hundred per cent increase in students, and applications for the fall semester are running at a rate almost double that of a year ago."

Newman said that the future pattern of development would keep the University in the forefront of higher education. "The coordinated colleges for undergraduates, coupled with an expanding graduate program and an outstanding Law School make the campus a University center of significant value to the community. And, the community will be asked to share in maintaining these standards.

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"Many people mistakenly believe U.S.D. is restricted to Catholics, when in fact all faiths are represented among the students. In the Law School and graduate studies as many as 50 per cent may be non-Catholics," he said.

"We are particularly proud of our Law School, the first ever established in San Diego. It has provided about 25 per cent of all practicing attorneys in San Diego," said Newman. "It has a national reputation for the excellence of its graduates, among whom are two judges now serving in San Diego and the first woman district attorney."

Newman said the integration of courses between the two undergraduate colleges was going smoothly. "We can now offer a very wide range of courses with a low student-faculty ratio. We are playing our part in the education of the underprivileged, too, and our students participate in many off-campus community programs."

Newman said U.S.D. is the campus where students of all faiths will find the challenge of personal commitment, "where the dialogue between Church and the contemporary world is promoted."

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